

## THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 11, 1858.

[COMMUNICATED.]

A DEFINITE PURSUIT.—By J. B. JOHNSON.

As no condition, however propitious for the enjoyment of ease, is exempt from liability to the reverse incident to life, it behooves every individual to seek to avoid the error of commencing his future course wrong, and thereby to shun the evils which follow an ill begun life. Every youth, as he enters the threshold which opens to him the world's great arena, should ask himself, "What part in the strife of human affairs am I to perform? If any, he should resolve to make it definite in order to pursue it with profit and distinction. If he does not pause to ask the above question, his parent or guardian should ask it for him; for, after a father has given his son a useful education, the next important consideration that should engage his attention, is the indispensable necessity of giving him the advantage of a definite pursuit, to ensure his future utility and dependence. This important duty is entirely too much overlooked by parents, and a man in this bustling world, without some definite and useful occupation had better never have been born; for in nine cases out of ten he does no more than displace, by the bulk of his body, a certain amount of atmosphere which will close in at his departure from the scenes of life, without leaving the slightest impression of his past existence.

It is said that all men live to some purpose. Surely the ostensible object for which some live is but trifling; and we know that not a few appear to have no other purpose than that of the continuance of the mere sense of living, or demand of the world any other attention than that which is necessary to keep them breathing. This is an unpleasant truth, but if we accustom ourselves to contemplate our fellow creatures as they really are, we find that the assertion is not exaggerated, nor the estimate too ungenerous. The fate of the many human nuisances we meet loitering on the wayside of life, is in more instances, than otherwise, directly traceable to the neglect of their parents, in not giving them that mental and physical powers that are necessary to enable them to the development of worth and usefulness.

It may be remarked that the different avocations are overstocked. To what extent the objection is true, can be ascertained by a recurrence to the fact that they are not overfilled by members who are in every respect qualified to discharge their particular callings, but by pretenders who are in almost every essential incapacitated to meet the demands of their occupations. Hence, the few succeed, while the many totally fail, or attain no higher position than that of mere mediocrity; for we know, and sorely need, in the field of the clerical, medical or legal profession, as in any other, a high and respectable distinction.

The causes of these being comparatively so few distinguished men, arise not so much from a want of mental capacity, as from a mistake in the choice of a pursuit. How many inefficient clerical men, blundering lawyers, and pretending doctors do we see, who would have been infinitely more use if they had turned their attention to mechanical, agricultural, or navigational; and how many are engaged in mechanical, agricultural and nautical pursuits, who would, perhaps, have graced the pulpit, the forum, or the hospital. It is true, even, that parents should be guided, not only of giving their sons a definite pursuit, but should be particular in ascertaining their mental inclination and contribute as far as they can to the development or encouragement of that inclination by a well-directed avocation.

Nothing is a greater disadvantage to a youth, or more disqualifies him to combat the heartlessness of the world, than to start him on his career without some given trade or profession. A mariner who enters the world without a compass, is not more likely to be wrecked, than is the young man who goes into the business world to buffet his selfishness, without knowing intimately some one of the intricate branches of the great machinery which gives it life and motion. The very effort which it is necessary for the youth to make, under such circumstances, too often results in disappointment, and finally degenerates into indifference and terminates in idleness and ruin; or causes him to loiter on the path of life, not knowing where to begin, or what to take hold of first. With a variety of occupations presented to his vision, he is one day engaged at one thing, and the next his temporary employment is suspended, until some thing accidentally presents itself for his acceptance, and without being permanently established, his engagement is again regained and again lost. In this way his pursuits constantly alternate, and cause every effort which he makes to be of no avail to himself or to society. Unsettled in his plans and engaging most likely in things of which he does not approve, he cannot progress steadily towards pecuniary independence, or be enabled to say, "Now I have begun a career which will redound to my welfare, and answer those demands which will be made upon my efforts by the world. If an individual wishes to be useful, he must pursue such a business as will be most suitable to his natural and acquired abilities; and fix such aims as are adequate to the accomplishment of a definite end. Then he can realize the effects of his industry, and prepare himself for the enjoyment of that comfort which arises from an undeviating application of his powers to a well selected pursuit.

A little common sense will enable us to seize those opportunities which are constantly presented to make ourselves not only independent, but useful to others; but if our time is ill-spent, without making some progress daily, in one or more of the various branches of human industry, we certainly live to very little use, and the world will be no better off at our departure than it was at our advent. By listening to the timely warning of those who have preceded us in the pursuit of any particular object, we elude many of the stumbling blocks which obstructed their steps, and are taught to eschew much of the labor which marked their advancement towards the acquisition of that position which we desire to gain. Opportunity stands on the transient wing of time; and when the stringent hand of necessity impedes our listless course by causing the blighting gusts of want to gather around our path, and makes the wintry wind of despair play in music notes among the tattered chords of our once careless hearts, the voice of retribution chills the vitality of our souls, and we are forced in all the pungency of regret to contemplate those things which concern us most, and to give our serious attention to the value of those affairs whose neglected importance has caused us pain, anguish, and regret.

Alexandria, 1858.

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story BRICK STICK, on the north side

of King street, recently occupied by George R.

Blacklock as an auction and Dry Goods Store,

is now for rent. The situation of this property is in

a business part of the city, and its complete

arrangements for any kind of mercantile busi-

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mh 33—1f

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j'y 5

## AUCTION SALES.

BY S. J. MCCORMICK—AUCTIONEER.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—Pursuant to a decree

of the County Court of Alexandria County, ren-

dered at its July term, 1858, in the suit of Bar-

nita and Brinton, plaintiffs, vs. John Gemmill

and others, defendants, the undersigned, will

offer for sale, on Saturday, the 12th day of

August, 1858, at 12 o'clock, M., in front

of the Mayor's Office, in the city of Alexan-

dria, Va., the following described property in

said city, to-wit:

No. 1. A TENEMENT and LOT OF

GROUND, beginning at the intersection of

the south side of Commerce street, with the

west side of Fayette street, and running thence

south on Fayette street 150 feet more or less, to

a ten foot alley; thence west on said alley 15

feet; thence north 115 feet 6 inches to a point

on Commerce street 95 feet from the beginning;

thence on Commerce street to the beginning.

No. 2. A TENEMENT and LOT OF

GROUND, beginning at the intersection of

the south side of Commerce street, with the

west side of Fayette street, and running thence

south on Fayette street 150 feet more or less, to

a ten foot alley; thence west on said alley 15

feet; thence north 115 feet 6 inches to a point

on Commerce street 95 feet from the beginning;

thence on Commerce street to the beginning.

No. 3. A LOT on King street, running south

to Commerce street, and bounded on the north

by King street—on the west by a lot and store

belonging (now or lately) to the Sniders—on

the east by a lot of John Cowling, and on the

south by a lot of John Gemmill, and on the

south side of Commerce street, and on the

west by a lot owned by—on the south by a

lot belonging to A. McFarlan, and on the east

by a ten foot alley, and the lot belonging to

John Gemmill—the last two being the lots of

ground which were conveyed to said Gemmill

by Lester Lloyd and wife, by deed of January

11, 1853, recorded in Book O. No. 3, page 359;

Alexandria court land records.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-tenth of the purchase

money to be paid in cash—the balance in equal

payments at six and twelve months—the de-

rived payments to be secured by the bonds of

the purchasers, bearing interest from the day

of sale, and the title of the property to be retained

till the purchase money is fully paid.

GEORGE W. BRENT, } Comm'r.

S. J. FERGUSON BEACH, } of Sale.

j'y 17—eots

BY S. J. MCCORMICK—AUCTIONEER.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL

ESTATE.—By virtue of a decree of the

County Court for the County of Alexandria,

Virginia, rendered in the case of Ellison &amp; Sons,

against William E. Atwell and others, the un-

derigned Commissioners appointed by said de-

cree, will offer at public auction in front of the

Mayor's Office, in the city of Alexandria, Vir-

ginia, on Saturday, the 10th day of July, 1858, at

12 o'clock M., the following described REAL

ESTATE, situated in the said city of Alexan-

dria, to-wit:

A LOT OF GROUND, on the North side of

King street, which is described in a deed

from Charles McKnight to William E. Atwell,

dated 10th of April, 1852. Beginning at the

West corner of William McKnight's lot; thence

running West on King street 19 feet 3 inches;

thence North and parallel to Royal street 34

feet; to a three foot alley; thence East 10 feet 3

inches, parallel with King street; thence South

and parallel with Royal street 50 feet to the

beginning, together with the right of way over

a three foot alley, running back of said lot out

to Royal street, and also, the use of the right

of way over a court or alley adjoining said lot,

and back of H. L. Simpson's Store, which court

is twenty feet long by ten feet wide, in an ob-

long form, the front of the lot is parallel

with King street.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-tenth of the purchase

money to be paid in hand, and the residue in

three equal instalments, at six, twelve, and

eighteen months, from the day of sale, with in-

terest from said period—the said deferred pay-

ments to be secured by the bonds of the pur-

chaser, with good personal security, and the

title of the property to be retained until the

purchase money is fully paid.

FRANCIS L. SMITH, } Comm'r.

DAVID FUNSTEN, } of Sale.

j'y 8—2awts

The above sale is postponed until Satur-

day, the 21st day of August, at the same hour

and place.

F. L. SMITH, } Comm'r.

DAVID FUNSTEN, } of Sale.

j'y 12—2awts